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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in the application of:

Hirokazu SUGIHARA et al.

Serial No.: 08/913,811

Filing Date: September 24, 1997

For: METHOD FOR MEASURING
PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF
TISSUES OR CELLS, METHOD FOR
EXAMINING CHEMICALS, AND
APPARATUS THEREFOR

Examiner: P. Baskar

Group Art Unit: 1645

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Response is to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001 in which claims 12, 14, and 16 stand rejected variously under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 (paragraph two), 102, and 103. Claims 12, 14, and 16 are all of the active claims in the application. The Office Action is not a final rejection.

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